



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant(s): Matthew Baker et al.)
Application No. 10/561,097)
Filed: December 16, 2005) Group Art Unit: 1647
For: THROMBOPOIETIN PROTEINS)
WITH IMPROVED PROPERTIES)
Examiner: Lorraine Spector, Ph.D.) Attorney Docket No. MER-141

PETITION UNDER 37 CFR §1.136(a) and §1.17(a)(1)

Mail Stop Amendment
Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
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Sir:

A one-month extension of the time for response to the Office Action dated 16 July 2008, up to and including 17 November 2008 is respectfully requested.

There is submitted herewith is:

- (a) a response to the Office Action, and
- (b) a check in the amount of \$130 to cover the fee for the extension of time.

Please charge any additional fees that may be due relating to this matter or credit any overpayments to our Deposit Account No. 15-0508.

Respectfully submitted,

Dated: 13 Nov 2008

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